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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. ☐ Consider the unentered amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
2. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
3. ☒ Enclosed is/are
 - ☒ Amendment (including transmittal)/Reply.
 - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).
 - ☐ PTO-1449
 - ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
 - ☒ Other (identify):
 - 16 sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-19) attached as Exhibit A to Amendment
4. ☐ Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 is claimed.
 - ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status is enclosed.
 - ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired.
5. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.

6. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

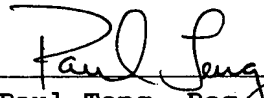
 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

 Any extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17).

 X Other fees (identify): any other required fees.

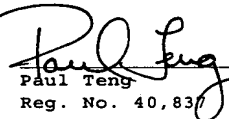
7. X Three copies of this transmittal are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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